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Sir:

Further to the Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 filed on May 5, 2006, the following document is herewith forwarded for appropriate action:

1. Executed Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (2 pp)

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned respectfully requests that any such necessary fees be charged to our deposit account 50-2821.

Respectfully submitted,

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